

MR. BENJAMIN F. THOMAS.

A Sketch of the Up-to-date Manager of the Hotel Maceo, New York City.

Mr. Benjamin F. Thomas, the manager and junior partner of the Hotel Maceo, 213 West 53d street, New York City, was born at Allendale, S. C., Feb 10th, 1875. At the age of sixteen he engaged in the business on his own account in Savannah, which early start in commercial life shows that he has in him the proper principles of a successful business man.

He went to New York in 1894 and three years later engaged in business at 931 Sixth avenue, where many of the



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old residents will remember him favorably. His next business venture was with his present partner, Samuel W. Young, in charge of the catering for the Metropolitan Street Railway Company in the Cable Building, 621 Broadway, New York. Seeing the need of a first-class hotel for first-class colored people in New York, he and Mr. Young decided to open the Hotel Maceo, where the best element of our people might find all that is offered to the other race. From the first the Hotel Maceo has prospered, and the able efforts of its proprietors have been rewarded with a splendid patronage that speaks well for the management of the house and equally well for the good taste and appreciation of the public.

Mr. Thomas, by his business-like and genial manner, has made himself esteemed by all who have had the pleasure of being guests at the Maceo, for he never tires in his efforts to make guests comfortable and thoroughly at home. Being young and ambitious, it goes without saying that he is constantly on the watch for all up-to-date improvements in the cuisine and other features of the hotel that appeal to those of culture and good taste. One of his strongest characteristics is to lead rather than follow, to be first-class rather than medium; and it has always been his determination to do everything in the best possible manner. Some men have failed in life because of aiming too low, Of Mr. Thomas it is to be said that his aim is so high and his ideal so great that the most fastidious find nothing to criticize or condemn. With his great energy, backed by his ambition, it will not be too much to expect that the future will see him one of the best known and most appreciated host in that great city.

He Wants a National Negro Daily.

Editor The Colored American:—Please allow me space in your valuable journal to make a suggestion. There are, Mr. Editor, a great many able Negro weekly newspapers owned and controlled by members of our race, but Mr. Editor, how many good, up-to-date daily newspapers can we lay claim to? I know that there are a few daily papers owned by members of our race, but can they, or do they cope with the great dailies owned and controlled by the members of the dominant

race? No, and why not? Because there is not enough money, intelligence and push behind them.

Few my suggestion is this: Let The Colored American, of Washington, D. C., The Age, of New York City, and The Planet of Richmond, Va., come together and establish in Washington, the capital of the nation, a first-class, up-to-date, daily newspaper. I would suggest that Edward E. Cooper, the pioneer in newspaperdom be made editor of this paper, and Messrs. Fortune and Mitchell be made members of the staff. This can be done, can it not, Mr. Editor? Let Washington City be the place, E. E. Cooper, the man, and the race and the nation will have a Negro daily that will be a "thing of beauty and joy forever."

Yours truly,
W. D. GREEN, Teacher.

Hughesville, Md.

Editor The Colored American:—Will you allow me space sufficient to indorse the proposition put forth by Mr. W. D. Green in your issue of last week. By all means let us have a daily newspaper. It can be done. It should be done. With The Colored American and the Bee, the Daily Record, and the New York Age and Richmond Planet united for the purpose, a daily paper operated by colored men is a possibility. There is room for such an enterprise from a business standpoint, and it could be issued both in New York and Washington simultaneously. Are you willing to try it? If so, I will agree to raise by personal subscription the first five thousand dollars for such a venture providing twenty other colored men in New York and Washington will agree to raise the same amount.

Respectfully,
J. E. JOHNSON.

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Loans secured by pledge of collateral	2,785.19
Market value of stocks	2,837.50
Cash	12,389.33
Agents' balances	769.15
Interest due and accrued	800.12
Personal property	3,500.00
	\$34,888.82

Liabilities	None
Capital authorized	100,000.00
Capital paid	62,000.00
Expenses paid	27,179.01
Dividends	1,560.75

I, the Secretary of the said Company, state the annexed exhibit is correct.

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